

Etta Estrabou House Outbuilding
River Street Historic District
78 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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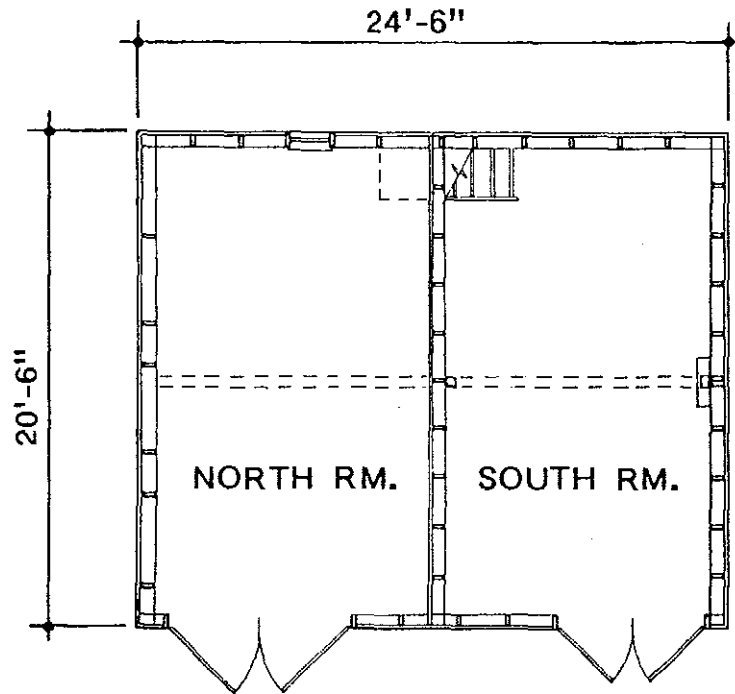
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location: 78 North River Street, River Street Historic District
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UTM Coordinates: 10-597660-4132330
- Significance: The Etta Estrabou House Outbuilding, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description: This carriage house is a two story wood framed structure clad in channel rustic siding. The roof is composed of a main gable with wide eaves and a central transverse secondary gable with a hoist bar situated over the loft opening on the north elevation. Fenestration includes an upper level window at each end wall, and two garage door openings on the front elevation. The north wall also contains small windows set high in the wall. Exposed studs line the interior walls and an exposed beam runs the length of the building to support the loft above. This beam is supported by a heavy timber column set on a concrete base on the south wall of the southern room, but rests solely on the headers in the north wall. The plan is divided into two rooms on the first floor and the loft is accessed by a ladder (now deteriorated) in the southern room.
- History: Sanborn insurance maps clearly show that the main house was constructed before 1884 and that the carriage house seems to date from around 1880. The house was occupied from 1900 to 1950 by Louis J. Estrabou, a butcher by trade, who was born in California to French-born parents. Estrabou sold meats at the Central Market Building on South First Street, and his wife Etta L. Estrabou was listed as the owner of the property in 1924. There is no evidence from the directories that the carriage house was ever used as a rental unit. This carriage house retains a high degree of integrity and is one of two of its type (the other at 325 West St. John Street) to survive intact in the district.
- Sources: California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose 1924 Block Map.
Evaluation of the district's outbuildings prepared by Basin Research Associates, 1990.
- Historian: Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

$1/8" = 1' - 0"$